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The Honorable Clarence Cannon
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I wanted to express to you my deep appreciation for your remarks on the Floor a few days ago. Your vigorous and statesmanlike approach to this difficult problem effectively set the record straight, and had a major influence in putting the whole matter in the right perspective. It also tended to blunt and balance the criticism of those who otherwise might have spoken in ignorance of the true facts.

Naturally I also sincerely appreciated the kind remarks which you made about the Agency and its head. This will be an encouragement and inspiration to all my people, and I am circulating a copy to them.

Again with thanks and respect, I remain

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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